

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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COAL HANDLING PLANT AT PARADIP PORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a new coal handling plant has been recently set up at Paradip Port and made operational;
- (b) if so, the additional benefits likely to be derived from the new coal handling plant;
- (c) whether some general berths were also proposed to be commissioned in the Port;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

- (a): Yes, Sir. The Mechanised Coal Handling Plant at Paradip Port Trust has been dedicated to the nation on 11.9.2001.
- (b): It provides cost effective and efficient loading of coal for its rail-cum-sea transportation to the thermal stations in South India where an unloading port at Ennore in Tamil Nadu has already been dedicated to the Nation. This system envisages the unloading of coal from a moving train to be loaded to the Ship waiting at the berth. It provides for ample flexibility in case there is no ship at the berth whereby cargo can be diverted to a stackyard from where it can be reclaimed and loaded to a ship, when required.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d)&(e):In addition to the two berths which are a part of the Mechanised Coal Handling System, two other general cargo berths on the western side of the port were commissioned on 11.9.2001. Thus, while the total number of berths has gone up from 9 to 13, Paradip Port has added a capacity of 23 million tonnes to the existing 14 million tonnes enhancing the entire capacity of the Port to 37 million tonnes.